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## A b s t r a c t

An article made of magnesium or its alloys, some or all of whose surface has a conversion coating, the conversion coating comprising  $\text{MgO}$ ,  $\text{Mn}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{MnO}_2$  plus at least one oxide from the group consisting of vanadium, molybdenum and tungsten; and also a process for producing such an article, and its use.

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